

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (347) of these admissions reside in the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District. 7% (23) of admissions from the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 66% were male and 34% were female.
- 53% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 88% were white non-Latino, 6% were black non-Latino, 3% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 67% were never married, 14% were married, and 19% reported not to be married now.
- 20% had less than high school education, 46% completed high school, and 35% had more than high school education.
- 42% were employed.
- 11% were homeless.
- 35% prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	56%	17%	14%	5%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Fourteenth Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	264	237	62	54	29	40	27
FY '96	226	204	66	41	22	31	25
FY '97	289	255	88	56	26	36	28
FY '98	327	286	100	65	36	46	24
FY '99	328	277	110	56	31	56	41
FY '00	350	272	122	74	37	59	40
FY '01	311	259	101	80	38	49	25
FY '02	347	267	107	63	27	62	40